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"TO CLAIM ITS KNOWLEDGE AS I HAVE MANY OTHERS.
WELCOME TO METROPOLIS Home of SUPERMAN
"AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM SHARING IN MY COLLECTED KNOWLEDGE.
KIK KIK KIK
"NOW THAT METROPOLIS IS MINE, I WILL DESTROY EARTH AS I HAVE MANY OTHER PLANETS."
I BELIEVED YOU WERE AN INTELLIGENT BEING. A PERSPICACIOUS CREATURE OF MANY WORLDS LIKE ME.
BUT I WAS INCORRECT.
YOU ARE A THREAT TO NO ONE.
HELP!
SUPERMAN!
HELP US!

YOU DEDICATED YOURSELF TO A PLANET THAT HAS NOTHING TO OFFER YOU.
KRR
IT LACKS KRYPTON'S ADVANCES IN SCIENCE.
ITS WEAPONS ARE RUDIMENTARY, EVEN COMPARED TO THAT OF THE BARBARIC RIMBOR.
"IT IS DEVOID OF ANY QUANTIFIABLE VALUE."
...WINDS ARE PICKING UP, AND THAT *LINE OF LIGHT* IN THE SKY... I'LL GET THE COWS BACK IN THE BARN.
JONATHAN--
YOU GET THE NEWS ON, MARTHA.
THERE'S A STORM BREWING.
AND I'VE GOT A FEELING OUR **BOY** IS IN THE **CENTER** OF IT.
"EARTH IS NOT NECESSARY TO MY CONTINUED EVOLUTION."
THIS CULTURE IS USELESS.

SUPERMAN!
NNN.
CLARK, IF YOU CAN HEAR ME...
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THE END...
...BUT IF IT IS...IF IT IS THE END--
THIS CULTURE IS DISGUSTING.
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--KNOW, PLEASE KNOW--
--HOW MUCH I LOV--
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WHEN I WAS HOOKED UP TO ALL THESE CITIES...I COULD HEAR THEM, BRAINIAC.
CRYING OUT FOR FREEDOM.
FOR VENGEANCE.
FZZZZZZZZZZZZ
YAAARRRR!
METROPOLIS.
FZZZ
TAAANK
FZZZZZZ
TAAANK
KANDOR.
I'LL BE BACK TO HELP ALL OF YOU.
I PROMISE.
BAM
KOK

KOK'KIK
KAL?
THIS IS HIS SHIP, ISN'T IT? I'M INSIDE B-BRAINIAC'S--?
IS THAT METROPOLIS?
AND... KANDOR?
YES, KARA. AND YOUR FATH--
YOU STILL FAIL TO UNDERSTAND, KRYPTONIAN.

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--I AM IN CONTROL.
BRAINIAC.
I'LL HANDLE HIM. YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ELSE.
KARA. WHATEVER IS HEADING TOWARDS THE SUN, YOU NEED TO STOP IT.
BRAINIAC'S FIRED SOME KIND OF WEAPON AT THE SUN.
KEEP HIM AWAY!
"IF IT GETS THERE, IT'S GOING TO TRIGGER A SUPERNOVA.
"AND THAT FIRE WILL ENGULF THE EARTH."
I-I'M NOT FAST ENOUGH.
YES, YOU ARE.
I CAN'T DO IT.
YES, YOU CAN.
I'M SCARED.
IT'S OKAY TO BE SCARED.

YOUR COUSIN'S ACTIONS ARE FUTILE.
SHE WILL BE INCINERATED ALONG WITH EARTH.
WE'LL SEE.
NO.
I WILL SEE.
YOU WILL DIE--
--EARTHMAN.

I HOLD LIFE IN THE PALM OF MY HAND.
"I CONTROL LIFE."
LIFE CAN'T BE CONTROLLED.
LIFE CAN'T BE BOTTLED.
ALL THIS KNOWLEDGE, AND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT LIFE.
THIS SHIP ISN'T LIFE, BRAINIAC. THIS SHIP IS YOUR BOTTLE.
AND I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU OUT OF IT.
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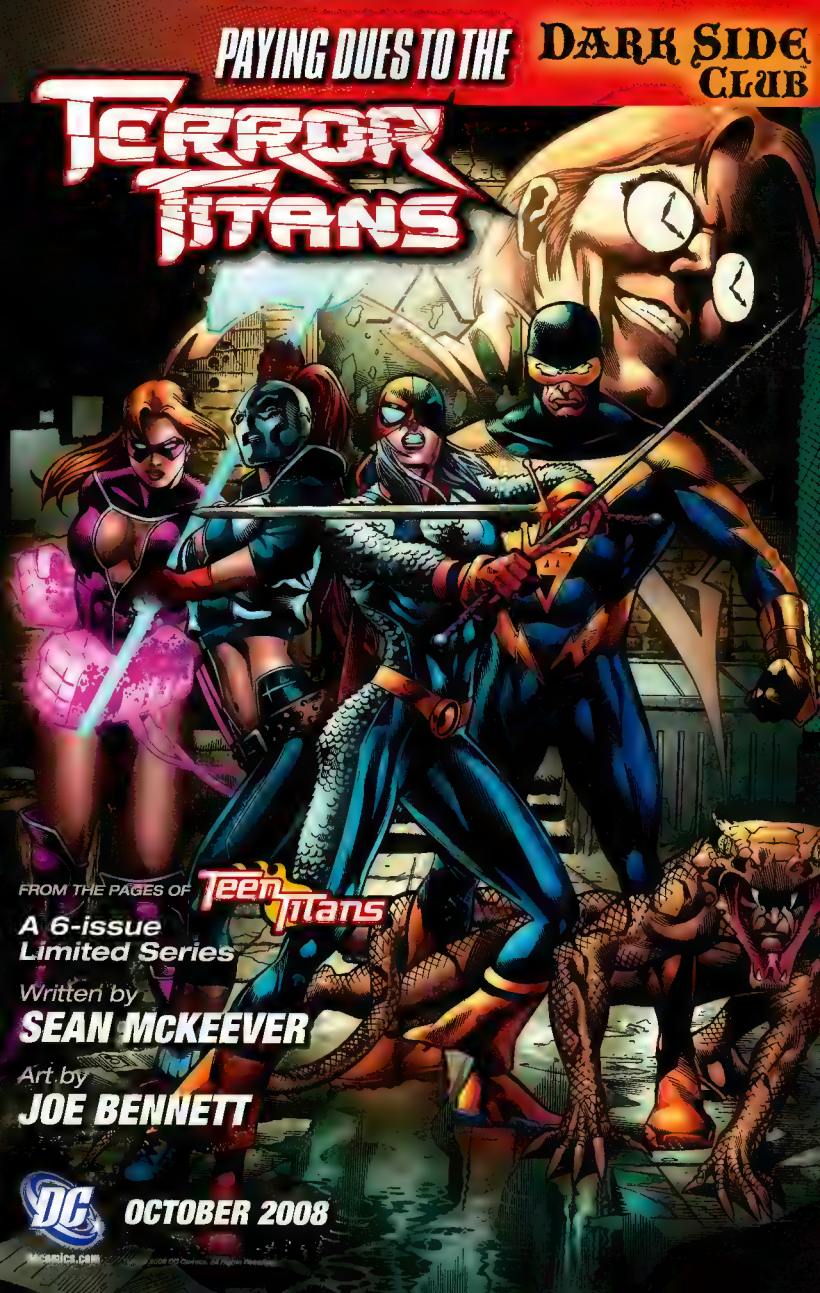
KRAKLLL
YOU... CANNOT REMOVE... THE CITIES FROM... MY BIO-SHELL...
...THEIR CONTAINMENT FIELDS...WILL NOT HOLD...
THANKS FOR THE TIP.
SIMPLE MIND...
...DOWNLOADED. I KNOW...
...WHERE YOUR HOME TRULY IS.
AND AS YOU TAKE MINE...
...I TAKE YOURS.
CHOOOOOOMM

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, LOMBARD.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Haunted Road Trip!

The leaves are falling, there's a nip in the air, and there're scary little creatures showing up at your door begging for treats…it's Halloween!!!

We want to be sure to have the DC Universe Special Halloween '08 ready for that night, so we've got some stops to make along the way. With the aid of **Mark** (BATTLESTAR GALACTICA/ HEROES) **Verheiden** and **Dennis Calero**, we've summoned ghost detectives Ralph and Sue Dibny to be our guides to some spooky places in the DCU.

We start off in Gotham City as **Brian Reed** and **Darick Robertson** introduce us to some reluctant trick-or-treaters, who find that what goes "bump" in the night in this city can be very deadly. Then we get dragged to Arkham Asylum by new writer **Brad Desnoyer** and DMZ's **Riccardo Burchielli**, where we wind up fighting for our lives against an unexpected ghoul with – get this – Two-Face as our hero!

To relax, we try to catch a flick with Eureka's **Eric Wallace** and newcomer artist **Tony Shasteen**, but the monsters start coming off the screen, forcing Vixen into action and us to an early exit. I don't wanna mention where we found the Scarecow…that's for Mikey Way (of "My Chemical Romance" fame making his comics writing debut with new artist **Mateus**) to explain, but we almost lost our heads over this one.

Then it's off to Salem, Massachusetts to check in on Doctor Fate's Tower. Assistant Editor **Harvey Richards** with **Federico Dallocchio** does a fine job of reporting that the young Faust has everything taken care of and it's OK to move on. Over in Metropolis, we find that the Daily Planet has some old ghosts to deal with courtesy of SUPERMAN/BATMAN cowriter **Mike Johnson** with FINAL CRISIS: SUBMIT's **Matthew Clark**.

It's already been a scary trip when we meet up with the Demon and his pal writer/artist **Duncan Rouleau** as we learn that you really gotta watch who you give candy to in the dark corners of the DCU.

Finally, I try to bring Halloween to Oa, but **Trevor Hairsine** and I just wind up awakening some deep-rooted nightmares for Kyle Rayner. Next time I'll listen to **Geoff Johns** and stay on Earth.

And if you thought all of this was exciting, just wait 'til you see what's happening for the DCU HOLIDAY SPECIAL this winter!

Happy Halloween, everyone!
–**Eddie Berganza**

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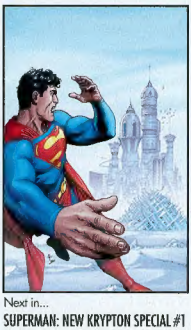

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